



Commission on Volunteerism
and Community Service

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Quarterly Commission Meeting

April 25th, 2017

9am – 12pm

Location

Illinois Historical Preservation Agency / Old State Capitol
1 E. Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701

Call-In Option

Dial: 888-494-4032; Access Code: 4037150212#

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present - Springfield

Jeff Turnbull, Chair; Debra Marton, Vice-Chair; Barb Tubekis; Giraldo Rosales; John Hosteny; Jane Angelis; Anne Schuman; Nisan Chavkin; Merri Dee

Commissioners Present - Phone

Laura Davis; Steve Silberman; Julian Brown; Sara Stapleton (CNCS); Meghan Hines (CNCS)

Staff Present

Scott McFarland, Executive Director; Michelle Hanneken; Mike Esper; Mattias Ghelaidos; Mike Stehlin; Liam Coussens; Kelia Beck

Call to order was made by Chair Turnbull at 9:15am.

Approval of Minutes

- Amendment proposed by Chavkin to include discussion of follow-up metrics and timeline for Governor's Hometown Awards from staff
 - Amendment agreed to by voice vote
- Rosales made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the special commission meeting on February 21st, 2017
 - Marton seconded, the motion was agreed to by voice vote

Executive Director's Report – McFarland

Governor's Volunteer Service and Hometown Awards

- Hanneken ran through the plan for GVSA later in the day, and commissioner roles
 - Tubekis thanked staff for work putting on awards and commissioners for judging nominations
- Overview given of GHSA updates
 - To be kicked-off via announcement from McFarland during GVSA remarks
 - Survey going out soon

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Staffing

- Coussens leaving mid-May (completing internship/master's degree work)
- New interns coming onboard in August; likely to have 2

Budget and Funding

- Federal budget likely to be omnibus bill, with stable funding for AmeriCorps and potential increase for commissions, by end of this week

Audit

- Audit has been officially closed, all disallowed funds recovered from sub-grantees and remitted to CNCS

Commission Appointments

- New letter considered for sending to Governor Rauner
- Commissioners expressing desire to have more clearly-defined roles, especially for any new appointees

CNCS Monitoring Visit

- CNCS Program Officer coming for monitoring visit at the end of June; more details to come as finalized, including ways in which commissioners can be involved

CNCS Report – Hosteny

CNCS Information

- Federal government operating under continuing resolution until April 28th (see link [here](#))
- Mayor and County Recognition Day big success nationally
 - 4,520 leaders signed on, representing 194 million citizens (more info [here](#))
- Senior Corps Week (May 15-19, 2017)
 - Help recognize impact of Senior Corps volunteers, learn more [here](#)
- North Central Cluster National Service Training (May 8-10, 2017)
 - More information [here](#)

Illinois Information

- Document included in meeting materials about impact of national service in Illinois
 - Highlights: national service touches 76 of 102 counties; CNCS invests \$36,267,900, with \$38,909,707 in local support; 148 projects supported, with 2,384 service locations, and 13,000+ national service members and volunteers

Commission Chair Report – Turnbull

Recent Events

- Meeting of Volunteer Connectors of Illinois generally successful; discussed the role of Serve Illinois
 - Big benefit identified with VCI: in-person meetings facilitate better discussion and collaboration

Committee Reports

- No reports from committee chairs

Staff Reports – Commission Staff

AmeriCorps

- Grant to BHicks Childcare and Community Outreach terminated for failure to comply with grant requirements
- Esper gave an overview of monitoring progress and dates for future monitoring visits

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- Overview given of impact sheet (included in meeting materials)
 - Suggestions to expand impact reporting by including return-on-investment information and programmatic data
- Peer review process nearing completion for 2017-18 program year applicants

Volunteerism

- Volunteer of the Week and Nonprofit of the Month highlighted, with recognition to Beck for successful roll-out over past year
 - Like and share posts on Facebook and other social media
 - Send nominations through form on Serve Illinois website (link is also [here](#))
- Upcoming conferences and days of service discussed
 - CIVC – June 7th, 2017
 - ICOVA – August 16th, 2017
 - Veteran’s Day of Service – November 11th, 2017

Communications

- Data on social media impact included in meeting materials
- Annual report in final draft phase; any suggestions or corrections should be sent to McFarland ASAP

Old Business

Strategic Plan/State Service Plan

- Final draft plan included in meeting materials
 - Language highlighting youth involvement to be added
 - Vote for final approval to be taken at meeting on June 1, 2017

New Business

AmeriCorps Ad-hoc Committee

- New Task Force committee formed to review commission procedures and structure
 - Tubekis and Chavkin named chairs; Angelis, Hosteny, Sims, and Schuman named members
 - Purview to include committee structure, commissioner roles, commission bylaws, responsibilities for oversight of budget matters, and other areas as determined by Chair Turnbull

Upcoming Meeting

- June 1, 2017 in Springfield, Chicago (via video conference), and call-in

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm by Chair Turnbull

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